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HOME (SPECIAL SECTION) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 22nd September, 2024

No.1301/C.— Whereas it has come to the notice of the State Government that cases and counter cases have been lodged alleging misbehavior / assault on a woman and a serving army officer inside Bharatpur Police Station;

And whereas the State Government are deeply concerned about the issue and are of the opinion that, this being a matter of serious public importance, should be inquired into by a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952;

Now therefore in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 read with sub-section (1) of the Section 5 of the said act, the State Government do hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Shri Justice Chitta Ranjan Dash, Retired High Court Judge, to enquire into and report in respect of the following matters within 60 days from the date of publication of this notification in the *Odisha Gazette*, namely:

- (i) Examining the sequence of events and circumstances alleged to have led to the incidents of alleged misbehavior/ assault on a woman, serving army officer, police officers etc. leading to registration of Bharatpur PS case Nos 640/15.09.2024(CID-CB Case No.10/24), CID-CB case No. 11/24 and Chandaka PS, Case No. 315, dated 19.09.2024 of UPD Bhubaneswar.
- (ii) The Role, Conduct and Accountability of the Individuals/ Groups/ Authorities.
- (iii) Any other matter connected with or incidental thereto as the Commission may consider appropriate.
- (iv) To suggest measures to be taken to avoid the recurrence of such events in future and ensuring safety and Security of women.

The Headquarters of the Commission shall be at Bhubaneswar. However the Commission may hold the Inquiry at any other place as may be considered necessary for the purpose.

By Order of the Governor
SATYABRATA SAHU
Additional Chief Secretary to Government